

Agency and DIA jointly prepared an estimates paper on Monday October 8. Following are the key conclusions:

"The immediate objective of the Israelis has been to contain the attacking Arab forces while mobilizing their reserves. At the time the Syrians and the Egyptians launched their offensives, the Israelis were only a few hours into mobilization. For the past two days, Israel's regular ground forces -- about 100,000 men -- have been absorbing the Arab thrusts. Full mobilization of Israel's reserves -- bring the force to some 300,000 men -- is scheduled to be completed by noon today. Counterattacks are already reported to have begun.

The outlook for the next few days is one of heavy fighting on all fronts. With the full weight of their forces behind them, the Israelis should now be able to turn the situation around on the Golan Heights by nightfall Tuesday. Pressing the offensive against the Syrians might take another day or two. By the week's end the Heights should be cleared of Syrian forces. Against the Egyptians, the Israelis are today just beginning to press their armor. They reportedly are driving hard and by Tuesday or Wednesday the effect of their counterattack should be clear. Several more days of heavy fighting might follow as the Israelis work to destroy as much as possible of Egypt's Army."

This study also included a paper on Soviet objectives and noted that "We think that Moscow wants to steer clear of military involvement in the fighting" particularly in Egypt, although paper acknowledged that situation with respect to Syria was less clear.